

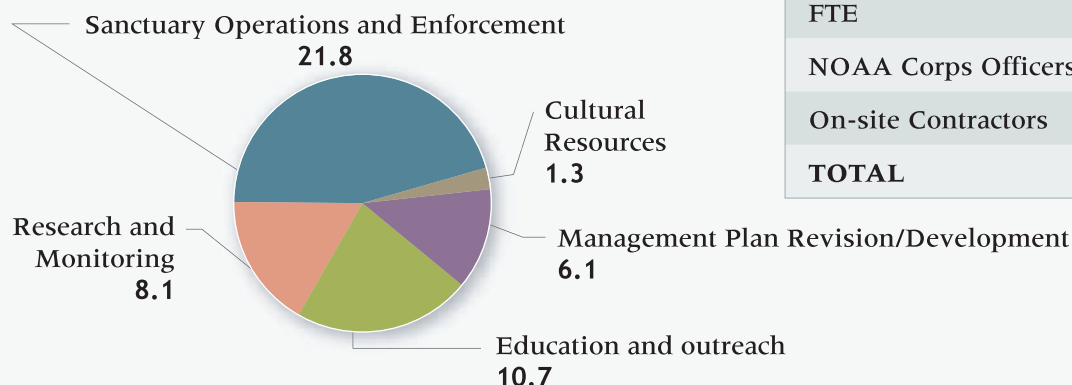
National Marine Sanctuary Program

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Budget and Total Personnel Strength

FY05 Budget in \$M - Total \$48.0*



*Does not include \$9.9M in PAC funds.

Personnel Strength

FTE	118
NOAA Corps Officers	10
On-site Contractors	180
TOTAL	308

Organization

National Programs Branch

Charly Alexander, Chief

Conservation, Policy and Planning Branch

Elizabeth Moore, Acting Chief

Stewardship Development Branch

Matt Stout, Chief

Operations Branch

Maureen Warren, Chief of Staff

Program Responsibilities and Highlights

- **Seven sanctuaries currently are revising their management plans**, which provide community-based strategies for addressing resource protection issues.
- **NMSP is in the process of designating a new sanctuary** in the ecologically rich and diverse Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.
- **NMSP is increasing its focus** on conservation of cultural resources—the turret of the *USS Monitor* was raised in summer 2002 and more shipwrecks within Thunder Bay were identified.
- **NMSP is considering establishing marine reserves** in California's Channel Islands to complement the state's recent marine reserves designation in the area.
- **NMSP is working to implement a system-wide monitoring plan** that would allow the sanctuaries to become key areas for monitoring the health of the oceans.
- **Sanctuary Advisory Councils have been established** at 12 sites, involving more than 220 community members plus 140 alternates in providing management advice to NOAA.
- **NMSP is improving its interpretive techniques** for communicating its message to the public and using "telepresence," an innovative technology, to share the underwater experience with others.
- **The Dry Tortugas Reserve was designated** as a part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, increasing the amount of area under sanctuary protection by 90 square nautical miles.
- **NMSP is evolving a cross-site program integration process** in science, education, marine archaeology, and management plan development.